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1. DURING RECENT VISIT, FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY STOLTENBERG EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. NOTING IMPORTANCE OF U.S. ATTITUDES AND ROLE IN SHAPING OPINION, HE PROPOSED PERIODIC INFORMAL TALKS TO ADDRESS "TRENDS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER".

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO STOLTENBERG PROPOSAL AS
FOLLOWS:

-- STOLTENBERG'S RECENT VISIT MOST WELCOME OCCASION FOR
USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FULL RANGE OF ISSUES INCLUDING
NORTH/SOUTH;

-- WE VIEW OECD AS IMPORTANT ECONOMIC CAUCUSING MECHANISM
FOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES ARE
NOW ADDRESSED IN CIEC BACK STOPPING GROUPS (IEA, HIGH LEVEL
GROUPS ON COMMODITIES AND NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS AND TEMP-
ORARY WORKING PARTY), DAC AND "CSS -- WE ARE ALSO WORKING

IN XCSS WITH OTHER MEMBERS TO STRENGTHEN OECD STRUCTURE
FOR POLICY CONCERTATION ON NORTH/SOUTH MATTERS;

-- HOWEVER, OECD MECHANISM DOES NOT PRECLUDE BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS, AND WE ARE AGREEABLE TO VISITS

EXCHANGE VIEWS ON NORTH/SOUTH DEVELOPMENTS ON AN INFORMAL
BASIS;

-- WE ALSO PREPARED MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF NORWEGIAN
EMBASSY HERE TO REVIEW NORTH/SOUTH TRENDS PERIODICALLY
SHOULD SUCH EXCHANGES BE DEEMED DESIRABLE. KISSINGER

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